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PATENT APPLICATION

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Lawrence SHAH, et al.

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Examiner: Dung T. NGUYEN

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For:

FEMTOSECOND LASER PROCESSING SYSTEM WITH PROCESS PARAMETERS

CONTROLS AND FEEDBACK

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 13, 2006, please consider the argument and comments as follows on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 and 48-79 are the active claims pending in the application.

The examiner rejects claims 1-3, 5-8, 11-18, 21-24, 27-31, 48-51, 53-56, 59-66, 69-72, and 75-79 as being anticipated by Erbert et al. (2003/0189959). Applicants traverse the rejection inasmuch as the distinctions between Erbert and the invention as claimed are both fundamental and numerous.

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